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NOTICE OF DECISION FOR THE NOXON ROD & GUN CLUB March 18, 2009

A draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared by FWP for the proposed purpose of granting funds to the Noxon Rod & Gun Club for shooting range improvements. FWP is being asked to grant \$1,327 in partial funding towards the purchase of a trap-loader retrofit.

The draft EA was circulated for public comment between March 2, 2009 and March 16, 2009. During his time period, a notice announcing the availability of the comment period and the EA was placed on FWP's website; a legal ad placed in the Sanders County Ledger on March 5, 2009; an FWP news release was distributed on March 3, 2009 that contained information announcing the EA comment period.

Comments received:

1) The Sanders County Board of Commissioners submitted a letter of support for the project that contained the following comments "...Because the Noxon Rod & gun Club facility is used by local 4-H groups, Junior Shooters, law enforcement personnel, and for hunter safety education, modernization to improve shooting opportunities and safety is an appropriate expenditure of funds authorized for such purposes by the 2007 Montana Legislature. This project further lends itself to approval by having no significant negative environmental or social consequences to detract from its perceived benefits."

2) The State Historic Preservation Office also submitted a letter with the following comment "...there is low likelihood cultural properties will be impacted. We, therefore, feel that a recommendation for a cultural resource inventory is unwarranted at this time. However should cultural materials be inadvertently discovered during this project we would ask that our office be contacted and the site be investigated."

Therefore, by notification of this decision the Draft EA is hereby made the Final EA and the Noxon Rod & Gun Club will be awarded this shooting range development grant.

Sincerely,

Kurt Cunningham
Shooting Range Coordinator